The ULYSES Director’s Discretionary Program
Charting Young Stars’ Ultraviolet Light with Hubble

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STUC Meeting – May 19, 2022
Outline

• Program status and miscellaneous updates
• Update on observing:
  o LMC/SMC massive stars
  o Low-metallicity imaging and spectroscopy
  o Survey T Tauri stars
  o T Tauri star monitoring
• Update on data products and releases
• Status of coordinated programs
• Community engagement
Program Status and Misc. Updates
Program Status

- As of May 2022, ULLYSES observing is 72% complete
- 4 data releases (latest DR4 on December 14, 2021) – see ullysies.stsci.edu
- 1 special/splinter session at AAS (#239 special session cancelled, rescheduled as splinter for AAS #240)
- 4 peer-reviewed publications by the community
  - Manara et al. 2021 (PENELOPPE X-Shooter coordinated program for T Tauri stars)
  - Pauli et al. 2022 (Study of AzV 476, the earliest O-type eclipsing binary in the SMC)
  - Froebrich et al. 2022 (analysis of the photometry for ULLYSES TTS in Orion)
  - Espaillat et al. 2022 (First paper for ODYSSEUS, the large AR program to analyze ULLYSES TTS data).
Timeline and Milestones

First observations of LMC/SMC stars June 2020

Targets released June 2020

DR1 + press release November 2020

First observations of 18 TTS April-August 2021

DR2 March 2021

Observations of 18 TTS April-August 2021

TW Hya Monitoring April 2021

DR3 August 2021

Monitoring of BP Tau, RU Lup, and GM Aur August-November 2021

DR4 Spectroscopy of NGC 3109 December 2021

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Observations of remaining TTS December 2021-August 2022

DR5 June 2022

Monitoring of BP Tau, RU Lup, and GM Aur August-November 2022

Competition ~ early Spring 2023

Throughout: LMC/SMC observations

MASSIVE STARS
LOW MASS STARS
DRs
Upcoming events

• ULLYSES splinter session at AAS #240
• DR5 (June 2022)
• Spectroscopy of Sextans A (October-November 2022)
• Second epoch of monitoring for BP Tau, RU Lup, GM Aur (August-November 2022)
• More DRs (every 5-6 months)
ULLYSES splinter session at AAS #240

- Splinter Session for ULLYSES accepted at AAS (#240) to be held in Pasadena in June 2022
  - 60 min on June 14 (2-3 pm)
  - 6 invited speakers confirmed
Technical Observing Updates
Observing: Massive Stars in the LMC

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**Cycle 29 Implementation Status**
- 41 targets, 102 orbits
- Programs 17
- Submitted 7
- Scheduling 7

ULLYSES Targets in the Large Magellanic Cloud

**Evolutionary Tracks:**
- Intervals of 0.5 Myr are indicated

ULLYSES: Chasing young stars through light with Hubble
Observing: Massive Stars in the SMC

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**Cycle 29 Implementation Status**

- 11 targets, 38 orbits
- Programs: 7
- Submitted: 5
- Scheduling: 4

Intervals of 0.5 Myr are indicated.
Visit-Level Data Quality: STIS configurations

Approach to Estimating Exposure Times:
- Select model atmosphere based on Spectral Type: PoWR, WMBasic for hotter stars; C&K grid for cooler ones
- Redden the flux distribution based on measured E(B-V)
- Normalize with observed UV flux (preferred) or UBV photometry (when necessary)

Quality of the photometry and extinction is usually the limiting factor
Other factors: binarity, spectroscopic peculiarities

*NB: only super-giants O9 and later observed with E230M/1978, and later than B5 with E230M/2707
Visit-Level Data Quality: COS configurations

*NB: only supergiants B5 and later observed with COS/NUV (G185M)
**Observing: Massive Stars in Low-Metallicity Galaxies**

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*F225W, F275W, F336W, F475W, F814W*
Observing: Survey T Tauri stars (58 targets/400 orbits)

- Observations complete for 47 T Tauri stars (81%)
  - 13 TTS in Orion observed in November-December 2020 during period when covered by TESS
  - 18 TTS in Lupus, Cha I, Eta Cha observed in 2021 with 16 targets in coordination with TESS
  - 16 TTS in Taurus, Lupus, Cha I, Eta Cha, Eps Cha observed in 2022
- Phase IIs submitted for 11 more survey TTS stars in Lupus, CrA (78 orbits)
  - Observations will execute before August 2022
- 7 repeats (7 targets) for 36 orbits

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• Early observations in Orion had lower S/N than planned due to underestimated extinction
• Issue was corrected for next batch of observations
• Some objects have seen a large decrease in accretion rate, and therefore in FUV flux
Observing: Monitoring of 4 T Tauri stars (100 orbits)

• 12 observations (4/period over 3 rotational periods) executed:
  o TW Hya (March-April 2021) – 1 failed visit (the second one)
  o BP Tau (August-September 2021) – 0 failed visits
  o RU Lup (August 2021) – 2 failed visits (repeat of first failed visit also failed)
  o GM Aur (November-December 2021) – 1 failed visit, 5 visits postponed by 6 weeks due to HST safing

• Second epoch will occur in 2022 on a similar schedule as epoch 1 (2021)
  o TW Hya completed in April 2022 with 3/12 failed visits (2/3 repeat visits also failed)
Scheduling updates

- Scheduling information is included on the ULLYSES website (https://ullyses.stsci.edu/ullyses-targets-ttauri.html)
- Scheduling updates are forwarded to a specific email distribution that includes PIs of coordinated observations (ullyses_ctts_scheduling@maillist.stsci.edu)
ULLYSES Data Products
Description of data products

• Co-added spectra obtained with the same grating
  o E.g., different exposures with the same or different cenwaves and FP-POS
• Vetted FUSE spectra for LMC/SMC massive stars
• Custom calibrated STIS G230L and CCD spectra of T Tauri stars
  o In particular, de-fringing of G750L spectra, improved hot pixel flagging, and re-extraction of targets (as needed) and companions
• Spliced (abutted) spectra between different gratings and instruments
  o E.g., FUSE + HST, COS + STIS
• Photometric (LCOGT) and spectroscopic (HST) time-series
  o Spectroscopic time-series from HST only for T Tauri stars monitored over time
• Drizzled WFC3 images of NGC 3109 and Sextans A
Examples of Data Products

FUSE + STIS E140M “preview-spec” (abutted spectrum) of SK -67 167

COS + STIS “preview-spec” (abutted spectrum) of CVSO 107 (Ori OB1)
ULLYSES Data Releases

• 4 data releases (DRs) to date; DR5 planned for June 28, 2022
• Latest data release (DR4) includes:
  - COS spectra for 51 Tauri stars (31 with STIS NUV-optical-NIR)
  - COS spectroscopic time series for 4 T Tauri stars monitored with HST
  - LCOGT photometric time series for 31 T Tauri stars
  - UV spectra of 196 stars in the LMC and SMC, plus FUSE spectra of 103 of those stars
  - Drizzled WFC3 imaging of NGC 3109
  - STIS spectra of 8 non-ULLYSES targets present in STIS long-slit observations

• DRs scheduled every 5-6 months, timing optimized to deliver major increments of data
• DRs widely advertised via HST email exploder, Twitter, STScI webpage, MAST newsletters
DR5 Data Products

- DR5 will include, in addition to DR4 products:
  - COS and STIS spectra for TTS observed between November 2021 and May 2022
  - COS spectroscopic time series for the second epoch of TW Hya and extra GM Aur visits
  - LCOGT photometric time series for additional TTS completed since DR4
  - UV spectra of LMC and SMC stars observed between November 2021 and May 2022
  - FUSE spectra of ~15 stars in the LMC and SMC
  - Drizzled WFC3 imaging of Sextans A
Data Dissemination Platform

- All program information, observing schedule, and target metadata are on ullyses.stsci.edu
- Data can be downloaded from:
  - The ULLYSES website
    https://ullyses.stsci.edu/ullyses-download.html
  - ULLYSES search & download web application:
    https://ullyses.stsci.edu/search/
  - MAST Data Discovery Portal (HLSPs and contributing data)
  - or directly at the MAST HLSP collection for ULLYSES (HLSPs only) https://archive.stsci.edu/hlsp/ullyses
Data Dissemination Platform: Future Plans

• We will be releasing new query and download platform
  o Database of targets and observations linked to user-interface via API
  o Fully integrated in MAST for long-term maintainability and impact
  o Allows for selection of targets by astrophysical parameters (e.g., SpT, LC, extinction, accretion rate etc.) and observational parameters (e.g. observatory, instrument, grating)

• As time and resources allow, UI will be enhanced to allow for visual selection of targets via plots:
  o E.g., from an HR diagram for massive stars, or a plot of mass vs accretion rate for T Tauri stars
For DR5, we will release ULLYSES codebase and data reduction pipelines
  - Until now, all code has been restricted to internal-only github repositories

Will be maintained in a new open-source ULLYSES python package. Package includes:
  - Code to create all of our data products
  - Supporting files with target metadata
  - Custom data processing steps for COS, STIS, and FUSE data
  - User documentation

More improvements to come after DR5
  - Documentation will be moved to ReadTheDocs
  - Example Jupyter notebooks will be added
Looking Ahead

• There’s still more to look forward to! Expected upcoming updates:
  • Custom-calibrated FUSE spectra for previously deferred targets
  • Serendipitous time-series products for variable (non-monitoring) stars
  • Add archival data to time-series products for TW Hydra
  • Process for submitting community products
Status of coordinated programs
Coordinated programs for massive stars

- X-ShootU program led by IAU-G2
  - VLT X-Shooter for all ULLYSES targets
  - Program complete
Coordinated programs for T Tauri stars

• Monitored stars only
  - Chandra/XMM-Newton (X-ray; accretion)
  - CFHT/SPIRou spectro-polarimetry (magnetic field mapping)

• Survey and monitored stars
  - VLT X-Shooter, ESPRESSO, UVES (accretion, extinction, stellar properties, kinematics)
  - IRTF (calibration of MIR accretion diagnostics in preparation for JWST observations of deeply embedded protostars)
  - LCOGT photometric monitoring (variability context)
  - TESS (high cadence variability context, March-June 2021 only)

• All programs executing successfully
  - Some coordination with TESS and LCOGT lost when programs got bumped due to July 2021 safing
STScI implementation team designed a large LCOGT program to perform photometric monitoring in V, i’ for survey and u’, V and i’ for monitoring T Tauri stars

- Program was accepted and started late August 2020
- 545h approved in 2020B, 2021A, B, 2022A so far

- LCOGT has 0.4m robotic telescope network around the World (almost continuous longitudinal coverage)
LCOGT Photometric Monitoring

- Cadence:
  - 1x/day 3 months before/after HST epoch
  - 1x/day 10 days before/after HST epoch
  - 10x/period of the 1 (3) periods centered on the HST observations for the survey (monitored) stars
  - 15 min cadence during the HST observations
- S/N > 10 for all targets/bands
Community Engagement
Community Engagement

• Several talks/presentations to large collaborations and workshops early on in the project
  o IAU G2 (massive stars, October 2020)
  o NUVA workshop (December 2020)
  o AAS (townhall, NASA hyperwall, webinars)
  o STUC meetings
  o Princeton Bahcall lunch (March 2021)
  o Science with HST and JWST (Stockholm, summer 2022)
• Email communication with community members (ODYSSEUS, IAU-G2 teams, other community members)
• Lorentz workshop on massive stars (December 2021 – Alex Fullerton participated)
• AAS 240 splinter session
• STScI workshop or symposium in 2023
• ULLYSES survey paper (in prep)
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Extinction and exposure times for CTTS

- Flux level of Orion CTTS was fainter than expected from published accretion rates and extinction
- All T Tauri star models were scaled with an extra 0.5 of $A_V$ before ETC calculation for the sample observed in Spring 2021
  - Except for T Tauri stars in Eta Cha, for which we robustly know there is very low extinction
  - Goal $S/N$ was decreased to $S/N = 10$ for N V and 20 for C IV (instead of 15 and 30 respectively)
Observing outcomes for late M stars

- Some M3-5 stars were observed to be much fainter in the FUV than expected given their published accretion rates (from X-Shooter)
## Signal-to-noise outcome

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Variable accretion

- Carlo Manara shared X-Shooter data taken concurrently with the HST observations
- Accretion rate in IN Cha and Hn5 appears to have decreased dramatically, explaining the faint FUV flux
Plan adopted in Spring 2021

• All remaining M stars left to observe show prominent Balmer jump, indicative of significant accretion
• Discussed plan for improving S/N of observations of remaining M stars with the SAC
Recent T Tauri star sample updates

- To accommodate extra exposure time, 6 expensive stars were removed from the sample in spring 2021
  - There is redundancy in $M^*$, $\log(\text{d}m/\text{d}t)$ for all those stars, so sample is still covering parameter space
- 1 star (2MASSJ11183572-7935548) was found to be very weakly accreting and also removed from sample
- 3 stars (RECX 7, RECX 12, TWA 8A) did not clear the M dwarf flare BOP rules and were removed from the sample
- 2 stars (RECX 6, RXJ0438.6+1546) was added to the sample as M3 and K2 WTTS templates
- CTTS sample now includes 59 targets (instead of 67 targets in the original sample)
Observing Strategy – LMC/SMC Massive stars

- **FUV coverage from 1140 Å to 1800 Å** with COS/G130M/1291 + COS/G160M/1611, or STIS/E140M for brighter stars
  - Coverage includes Ly-\(\alpha\)

- Coverage below 1150 Å with archival FUSE data, or COS/G130M/1096 if cost is reasonable

- O9-B9 I stars will also be observed with the E230M/1978, extending coverage to 2400 Å (Al III, Fe III)

- B5-B9 I stars will be observed with STIS/E230M/2707 or COS/G185M/1953+1986 (Mg II)

- FUSE or COS/G130M/1096 for:
  - 70/92 O stars in LMC
  - 54/54 O stars in SMC

- Stars observable in < ~8000s with E140M offloaded to STIS (longer COS lifetime, better spectral resolution)
Observing Strategy – T Tauri Stars

- **Survey stars:**
  - Medium-resolution UV coverage 1140-1780 Å with COS/G130M/1291 + COS/G160M/1589+1623
  - NUV coverage at low resolution with STIS/G230L
  - Optical-NIR with STIS G430L and G750L

- **Monitoring stars:**
  - COS/G160M/1589+1623 + COS/G230L/2950
ULLYSES S/N Requirements

- **Massive SMC/LMC Stars**
  - COS/G130M/c1096: S/N = 20 / nine-pixel resel at 1080 Å continuum
  - COS/G130M/c1291: S/N = 30 / six-pixel resel at 1150 Å continuum
  - COS/G160M/c1589+1623: S/N = 30 / six-pixel resel at 1590 Å continuum
  - COS/G185M/c1953: S/N = 30 / three-pixel resel at 1860 Å continuum
  - COS/G185M/c1986: S/N = 30 / three-pixel resel at 1980 Å continuum
  - STIS/E140M/c1425: S/N = 20 / two-pixel resel at 1200 Å continuum
  - STIS/E230M/c1978: S/N = 20 / two-pixel resel at 1800 Å continuum
  - STIS/E230M/c2707: S/N = 20 / two-pixel resel at 2800 Å continuum

- **Massive Low Z Stars in Sextans A and NGC 3109**
  - COS/G140L/c800: S/N = 15 / six-pixel resel at 1600 Å continuum

- **T Tauri Stars**
  - COS G130M/c1291 S/N = 15 / six-pixel resel in peak of N V 1239 Å
  - COS G160M/c1611 S/N = 20 / six-pixel resel in peak of CIV 1549 Å
  - STIS G230L/c2376 S/N = 20 / six-pixel resel in peak of Mg II 2800 Å
  - STIS/G430L S/N=20 / two-pixel resel in continuum at 4000 Å
  - STIS/G750L S/N= / two-pixel resel in continuum at 5700 Å
Observing Strategy – Lyman-α

- Two gain-sag holes at LP4 make Ly-α unobservable with COS/G130M/1291 within +/- 65 km/s.
- The wings of an interstellar Ly-α absorption line in the LMC or SMC, and of the emission profile of an accreting star fall outside the gain-sag holes and can be observed at LP4.
Gain-sag impact on COS – SMC

- Model SEDs and scriptable ETC used to estimate counts in the brightest pixel as a function of wavelength for each mode of observation.
- Fraction of lifetime is counts/50,000.
- Note: COS/G130M/1096 is operated at LP2 with high counts on FUVA.
Combined LMC/SMC observations will use up about 15% (10%) of the COS LP4 FUB (FUVA) lifetime and 20% of the COS LP2 FUVA lifetime.
Technical Implementation: BOP procedures for T Tauri stars

- Estimates for UV accretion flux based on published relations scaling emission line and continuum flux with accretion rate.
  - For Bright Object Protection (BOP) screening allow for 4X variability above baseline accretion scaling
  - Bright object magnetic flare rules for M dwarfs will also be applied to M-type T Tauri stars
    - Comparison of active T Tauri stars and main-sequence stars shows magnetic activity and flares scale with bolometric luminosity, and not with accretion. It is the nature of the underlying star that matters.
    - To apply existing flare rules, which depend on U magnitude of target, we use a U value inferred from the spectral type and V magnitude rather than the observed U flux, which is typically dominated by the accretion rather than the spectrum of the underlying star
    - Extinction is applied to the modeled flare spectrum
Coordinated observations and community engagement
LCOGT Photometric Monitoring

- Cadence:
  - 1x/day 3 months before/after HST epoch
  - 1x/day 10 days before/after HST epoch
  - 10x/period of the 1 (3) periods centered on the HST observations for the survey (monitoring) stars
  - 15 min cadence during the HST observations

- S/N > 10 for all targets/bands

- Flux calibration field (1x/night) for 3 targets (51 fields per target) – Use SkyMapper for other fields/targets

- $u'$ exposure times predicted by LCOGT ETC are underestimated by a factor $\sim 100 \rightarrow u'$ monitoring is not feasible for the survey stars
  - We will perform $u'$ monitoring only for the brighter 4 CTTS monitored with HST
LCOGT Optical Photometry

- Near-simultaneous V & i’ images are obtained for each star
- Exposure times typically 30 sec at V, 15 sec at i’
- Including overheads, takes about 2 min to obtain the two images
- Automated data reduction by LCOGT’s BANZAI pipeline

Zoom in on CVSO 146 observed at Haleakala on 2020 Sep 19
LCOGT Optical Photometry

- Use `aper.pro` and related routines from IDL Astronomy Users’ Library (Landsman 1993) to measure counts in a 5 px (2.9") aperture, subtract sky measured in a 10–20 px annulus.
- Convert counts to magnitudes by calibrating with field stars in NOMAD (V band; Zacharias et al. 2005) or SkyMapper (i’ band; Australian National University).
- None of the targets observed so far are in a FU Ori burst state.

![Graphs showing photometric data for CVSO 90, CVSO 146, and CVSO 176](attachment:image.png)